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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Application Serial No. 09/335,686

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Title: METHOD FOR PROLONGED SUPPRESSION OF HUMORAL IMMUNE RESPONSE
TO A THYMUS-DEPENDENT ANTIGEN THERAPEUTIC AGENT

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Sir:

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